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*Cuba Requirements*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Intelligence Justification and  
Requirements for Overflight of Cuba

REFERENCE: USIB-D-41.5/29 and COMOR-D-24/15

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1. USIB-D-41.5/29 addresses itself to a justification for low-level photographic reconnaissance over Cuba. This subject was studied at your request in early September so you may automatically compare the Chairman/COMOR answer to you, COMOR-D-24/15, with the present paper. It appears that the comparison is now unfair inasmuch as D-24/15 was based on our best judgment of what could be obtained by a low-level photographic capability roughly equivalent to [REDACTED]. Further investigation into the photographic equipment actually now available permits an upgrading of the capability in accordance with 41.5/29. One of the principal gains noted is that whereas in 24/15 we had pointed out that this type of low-level reconnaissance could obtain larger scale than the U-2, we have now learned that better resolution will also be procured.

2. We recommend support of D-41.5/29 as a means of obtaining additional required technical intelligence information. The targets have not been reviewed since last Sunday's mission but are most likely all still valid.

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